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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte RAJAGOPAL ANDRA,
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Application No. 10/709,793
Technology Center 2168

Mailed: February 25, 2009

Before DELORES LOWE, *Review Team Paralegal*
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on December 16, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matters requiring attention prior to docketing.

APPEAL BRIEF, CLAIMS APPENDIX

A review of the Appeal Brief filed June 10, 2008 reveals that claims 2-6, 8-10, 12-16, and 18-20, and 22-24 in the Claims appendix of the Appeal Brief are not consistent as amended in the last entered amendment filed on October 11, 2007. The copy of the claims should be in proper format and should not include any markings such as brackets or underlining except for claims in a reissue application in accordance with 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(viii). Furthermore, the Claims Appendix cannot assume entry of After Final Submissions for which an Advisory Action (or other Office communication) has not advised of entry. *See also Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP) § 1205.02 (8th ed. Rev. 6, Sept 2007) for details.

ANSWER, STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

A review of the file finds that the status of the amendments as provided in the Examiner's Answer mailed July 28, 2008 under the heading "Status of Amendments" is unclear and/or is not consistent with the last **entered** amendment of record in accordance with 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iv).

A review of the file finds that an After Final Amendment was filed February 29, 2008. An Advisory Action was mailed March 18, 2008 notifying appellants that the After Final Amendment **WAS NOT** entered.

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However, Examiner has not provided the necessary statement as to the status of the After Final Amendment filed March 18, 2008 and/or the Examiner's statement regarding the status of the After Final amendment is unclear or incorrect. Correction of the status of amendment filed subsequent to Final rejection is required.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) correction of the Claims Appendix of the Brief filed June 10, 2008;
- 2) to vacate the Examiner's Answer mailed July 28, 2008;
- 3) to generate a new Examiner's Answer setting forth the correct status of the after final amendment and to correct other sections of the Answer as may be required; and
- 4) such further action as may be required.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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